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DOD SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2005, AS OF 0700**

Command and Control

- U.S. Northern Command Commander is Admiral Keating, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- The Commander, JTF-Katrina is Lieutenant General Honore, Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Joint Task Force Katrina East (Forward) Commander has relocated to the National Guard Armory in Lafayette, LA.
- Joint Task Force Commander for Louisiana National Guard is Major General Landreneau, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Joint Task Force Commander for Mississippi National Guard is Major General Cross, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

Operational Highlights

- 47,346 Active Duty and National Guard personnel are on the ground or aboard ships supporting relief operations.
 - 14,334 Active Duty.
 - 31,358 National Guard. There are 1,654 outside the area ready to support if required.
- Total aviation support in area:
 - 105 helicopters (Active Duty, National Guard and Coast Guard).
 - 10 airplanes (Active Duty and National Guard).
- 13 mortuary affairs teams from the 54th Quartermaster Company are in New Orleans supporting Mortuary Affairs operations at the New Orleans Convention Center. 5 teams placed on 6-hour be prepared to status at Fort Lee, Virginia have been released.
- Kenyon personnel resumed operations September 26.
- FEMA is working to contract with INNOLOG to supplement Kenyon.
- Mosquito abatement sorties for September 26 cancelled due to weather. No Mosquito abatement sorties were flown on September 23-25 due to Rita. A total of 17 sorties have been flown to date in Southern Louisiana. Over 1,125,139 acres sprayed.
- The National Guard has assumed all search missions in New Orleans allowing the release of the 82nd Airborne from the mission. The 82nd Airborne will load 530 pieces of equipment onto the USNS PILLAU for redeployment.

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- DoD approved the use of one U-2 aircraft to acquire high resolution imagery of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. U-2 will operate from Beale Air Force Base, California.
- Received formal mission assignment for 2 Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems (MAFFS) in support of Mississippi. Commander, US Northern Command will redeploy the MAFFS this week.
- The USACE states that the overtopping on all three levee breaches in New Orleans have stopped and they have begun pumping water out of the 9th Ward.
- US Corps of Engineers estimates approximately one week to complete unwatering of New Orleans, LA.
 - Shifting two large 30-inch portable pumps from New Orleans East to vicinity of Pumping Station #5 in the 9th Ward and expects to un-water the affected areas in 9th Ward and northwestern St Bernard Parish within 3-5 days.
- Two Barracks Barges have been requested by FEMA to house evacuees and response personnel. The barges will be berthed at the Port of Pascagoula and Gulfport, Mississippi. Support is to house 600 people for up to 90 days.

Force Adjustments:

- Modification 6 and 7 are in coordination with the White House and Department of Homeland Security. After all coordination is complete, the order will be sent forward for approval.